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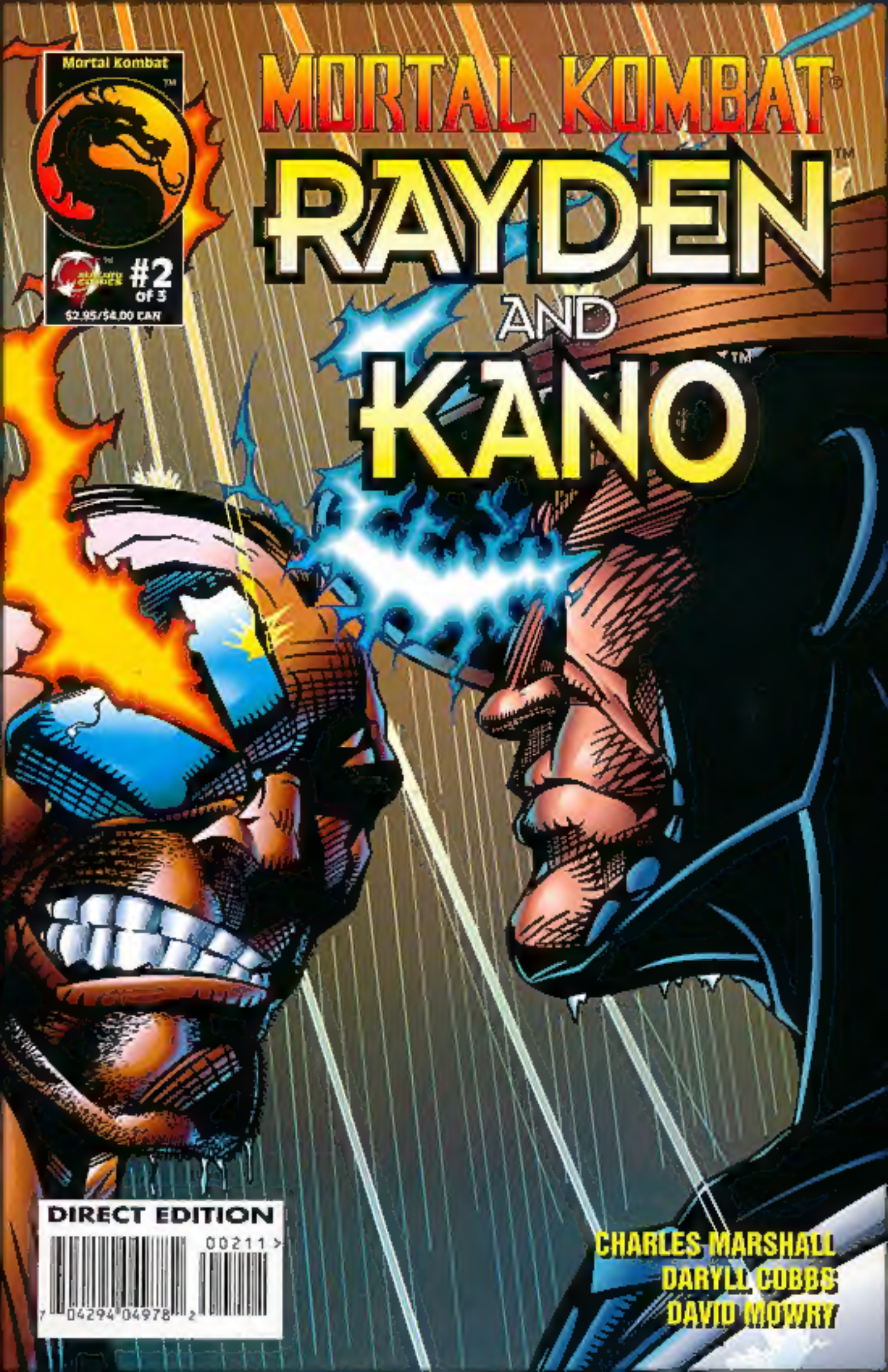
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MORTAL KOMBAT™

RAYDEN™

AND

KANO™



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THERE'S NOTHING LIKE  
A COUPLE HUNDRED  
FEET OF **FREE FALL**  
ING TO MAKE A GUY  
FEEL **ALIVE**.

FOR THE TIME  
BEING.

AAAAAGGHH

HE IS **KANO**, THE BLACK  
DRAGON'S MOST  
**DANGEROUS**, MOST  
**DEADLY** ASSASSIN.

AS HE FALLS, A  
**LIFETIME** OF  
**ATROCITIES**  
RUNS THROUGH  
HIS **MIND**...

...AS WELL AS A  
**SOLICITED**  
OPPORTUNITY FOR  
**REDEMPTION**.

**MORTAL KOMBAT**

**RAYDEN** AND **KANO**

**THE  
EVIL  
THAT MENDO**

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I THOUGHT YOU  
WERE SUPPOSED TO  
**ASS OUT** IF YOU  
FELL **THIS FAR**.

I DON'T  
WANNA BE  
**AWAKE** WHEN  
I KISS THE  
**GROUND**.



"BLAST THAT  
**RAYDEN** ANYWAY.  
FOR BRINGING ME  
TO **OUTWORLD**."



"HE GOT OFF LUCKY,  
**BLOWING UP**  
THE WAY HE DID."

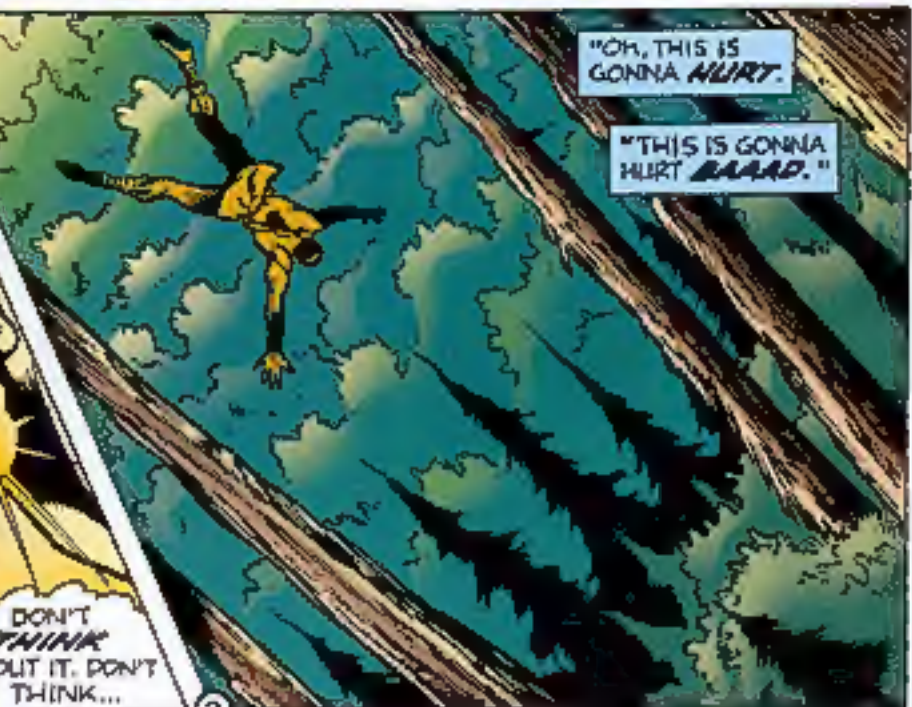


"OH, THIS IS  
GONNA **HURT**."

"THIS IS GONNA  
HURT **BAAD**."




DON'T  
**THINK**  
ABOUT IT. DON'T  
**THINK**...



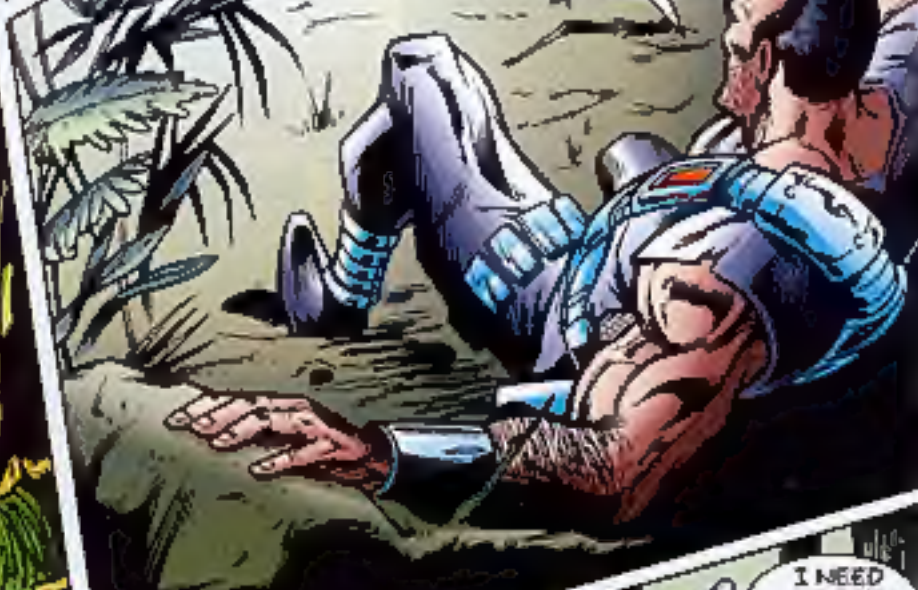









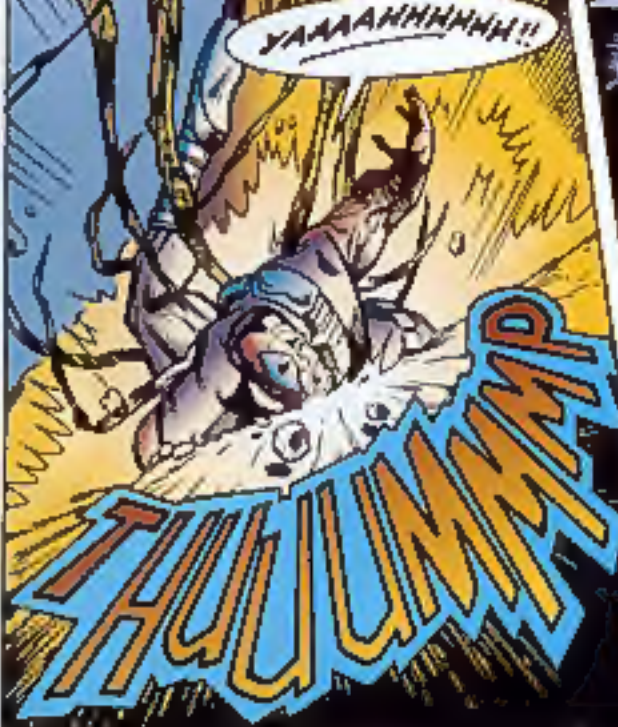
YOU ARE  
TRESPASSING IN  
THE **LIVING**  
FOREST.




...CAN'T  
**BELIEVE...**  
BODY SLAMMED...  
BY A TREE...




...BUT  
YOU ARE  
SORELY  
**MISTAKEN.**



**YAAAAHHHHH!!**



RAYDEN'S  
**GONE**, I'M  
LOST IN  
OUTWORLD.  
I NEED...



I NEED  
**SOME-**  
THING...

...SOME-  
THING TO  
KEEP ME  
GOING.

**THUD**



THE  
EDBONVILLE.

AN  
ENCHANTED  
BLADE THAT  
GETS ITS  
POWER...

...FROM AN  
EVIL MAN  
TURNING  
GOOD.

THAT'S THE STORY  
WYND AND RAYNE  
TOLD ANYWAY.

TOLD ME  
AFTER THEY  
KICKED  
ME AROUND  
A BIT.

THEY...HE...SAID I WOULD  
USE IT TO FIGHT THE  
DARK EMPEROR.

THAT'S WHAT HE  
SAID...THE  
THUNDER GOD.

RAYDEN SAID I WOULD  
STAND ALONE AGAINST  
SHAO KAHN.





YOU HOLD A *SYMBOL*  
WE *RECOGNIZE* AND  
*RESPECT*, WARRIOR.



WHAT?  
THE  
*SWORD*?



THE  
FORESSST  
NOT *ONLY*  
ONE THAT  
WANTSSS  
EBBONRILE.



WHAT?  
WHO *SAID*  
THAT?

COME  
OUT OF  
HIDING IF  
YOU WANT  
*THIS* SO  
BAD.



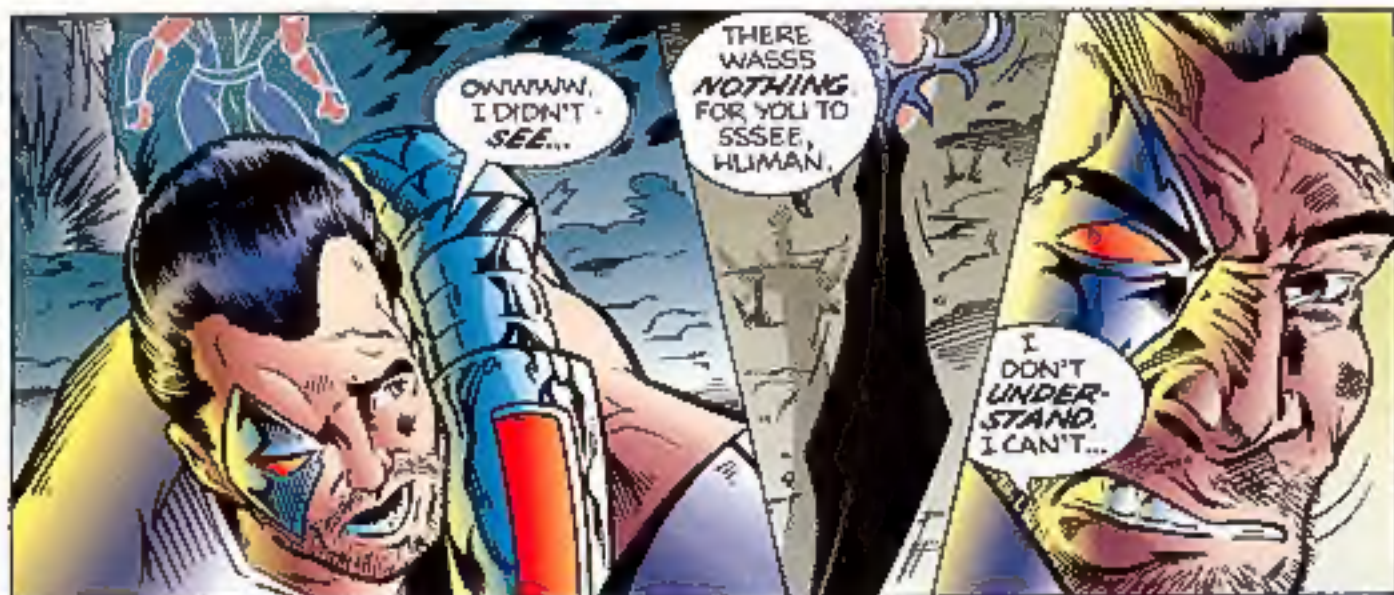
YOUR  
WISSH  
ISSS MY  
*COMMAND*.

SSSO BE  
*CAREFUL*  
WHAT YOU  
WISSH  
FOR.

UGGGGH-  
HMM!!

WHUMPHH





OWWWWW.  
I DIDN'T  
SEE...

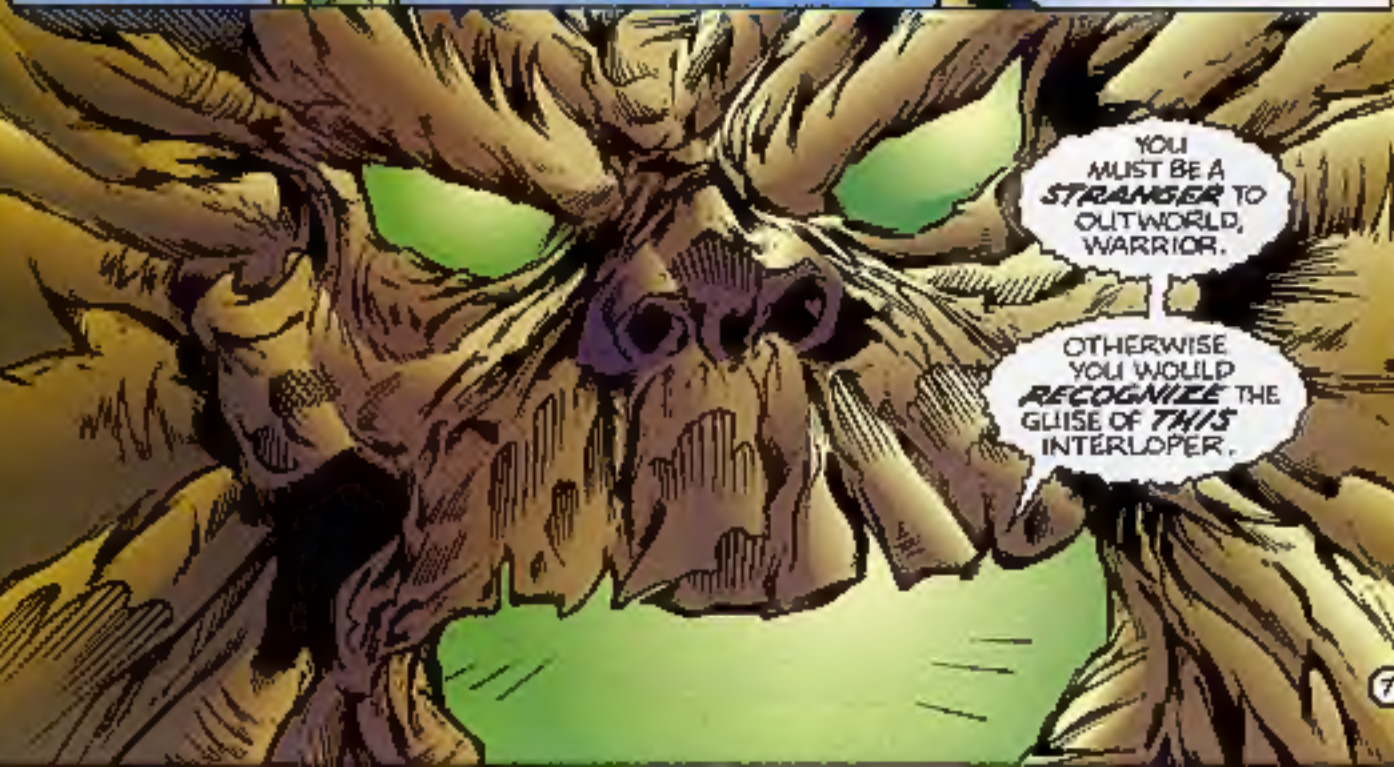
THERE WAS  
NOTHING  
FOR YOU TO  
SSSEE,  
HUMAN.

I  
DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND.  
I CAN'T...



MY  
MASSSTER  
SSSHALL REWARD  
ME *HAND-  
SSSOMELY*...

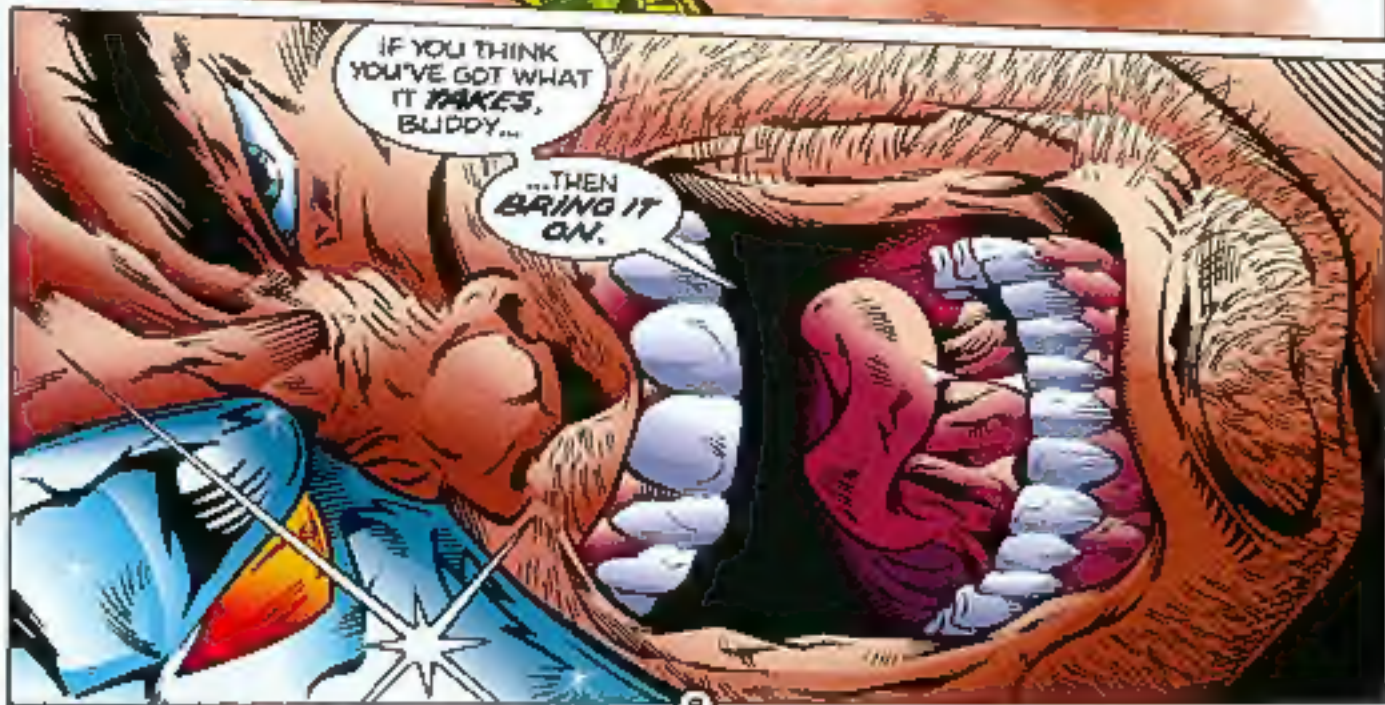
...FOR  
PUTTING THE  
SSSWORD OF THE  
*BLACK DRAGON*  
IN HIS  
*GRASP*.



YOU  
MUST BE A  
*STRANGER* TO  
OUTWORLD,  
WARRIOR.

OTHERWISE  
YOU WOULD  
*RECOGNIZE* THE  
GUISE OF *THIS*  
INTERLOPER.









YOU  
HAVE NEVER  
FACED THE  
FURY OF  
REPTILE.  
HUMAN.

YOU DO  
NOT KNOW HOW  
DANGEROUS  
WE CAN BE.

NO, I  
DON'T KNOW,  
BELLY-  
CRAWLER.

WHAT  
SAY YOU  
EDUCATE  
ME?



REPTILE  
SSSHALL  
SSSTILL  
YOUR  
INSSOLENT  
TONGUE.



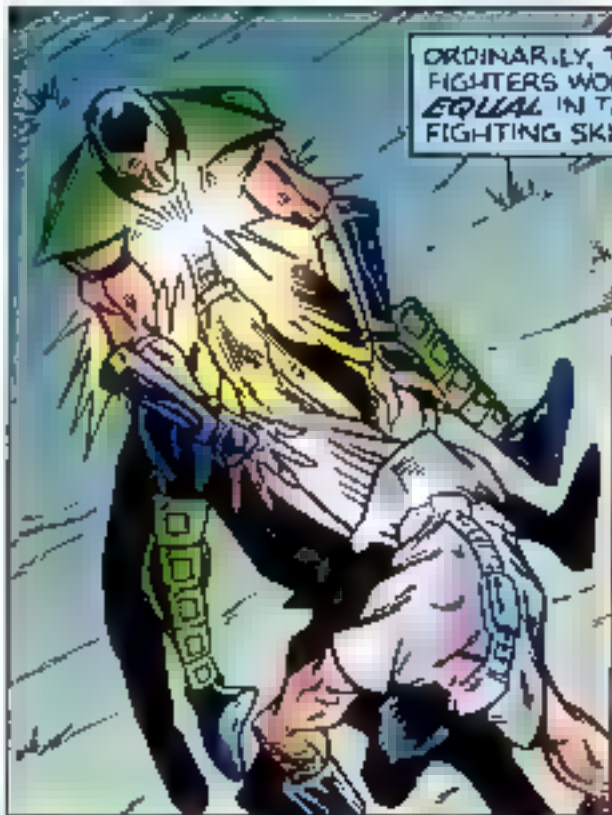
YOU  
WANT ME  
TO ~~SPLIT~~ MY  
MOUTH?

HOW  
ABOUT I  
SHUT YOURS  
INSTEAD?

KRRUUNNCCH

YAAAAA-  
RRGGGHHH





ORDINARILY, THESE TWO FIGHTERS WOULD BE **EQUAL** IN THEIR FIGHTING SKILLS



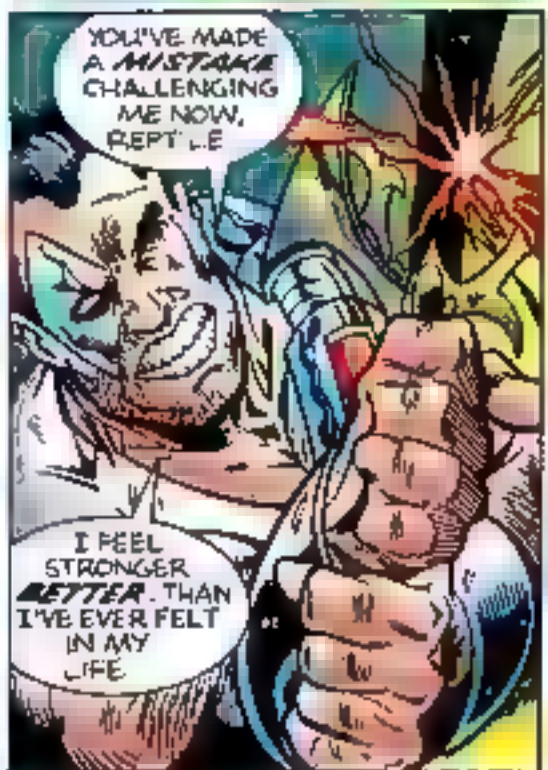
HOWEVER, **KANO** IS A MAN ON A MISSION.



YOU FIGHT **SSSLIPPRISST-IVOLY** WELL, HUMAN.



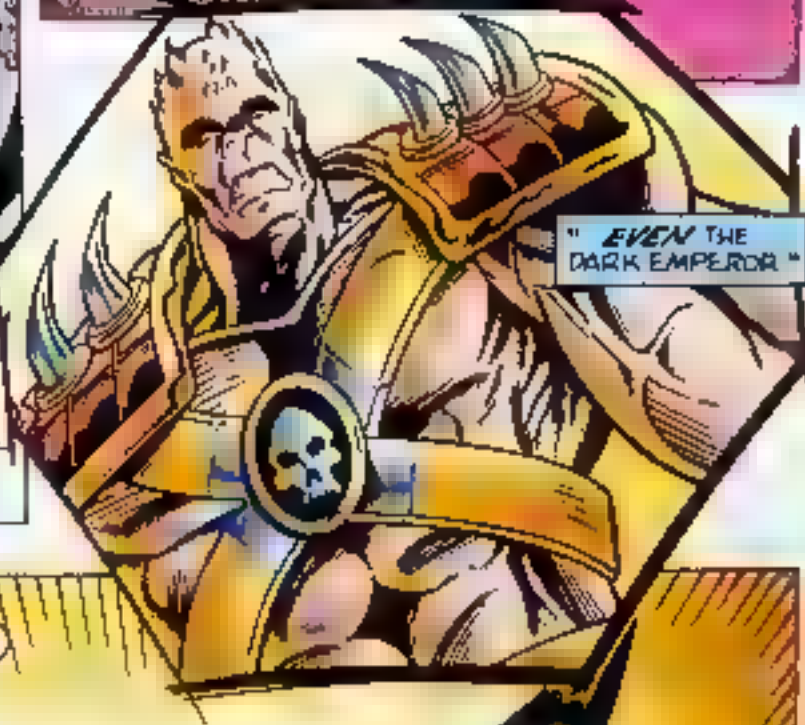
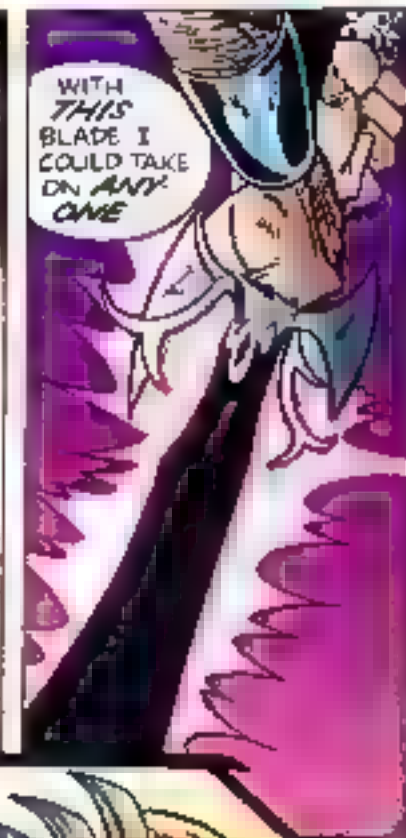
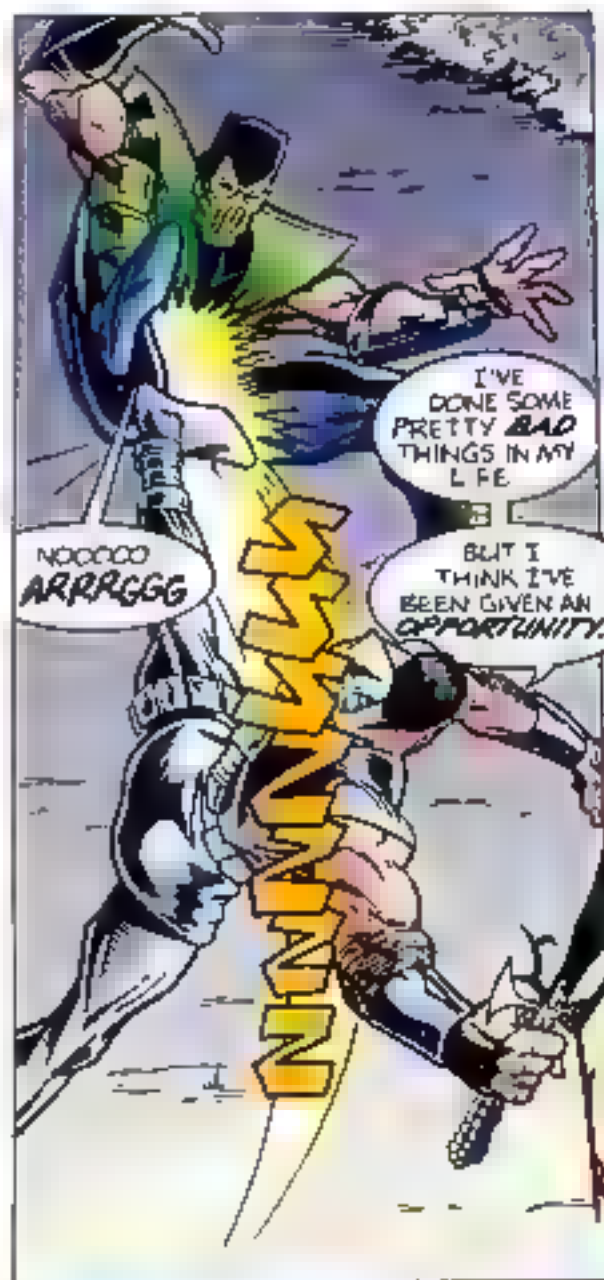
BUT **NOW** SSSSHALL YOU FARE AGAINSSST REPTILE'SSS ACCCID?



YOU'VE MADE A **MISTAKE** CHALLENGING ME NOW, REPTILE

I FEEL STRONGER **BETTER** THAN I'VE EVER FELT IN MY LIFE







THE CHOICES  
WE MAKE DEFINE  
WHO WE ARE.

DLR MG HIS LIFE  
KANO HAS CHOSEN  
A PATH THAT HAS LED  
TO DESTRUCTION  
AND SELF RUIN

AS A MEMBER OF THE **BLACK  
DRAGON** CRIME ORGANIZATION  
HE HAS COMMITTED UNSPEAK-  
ABLE ACTS AND UNPARDON-  
ABLE SINS

LOOK  
OUT SHAO  
KANH.

KANO'S  
HEADING YOUR  
WAY

THE STORY OF HIS  
LIFE HAS BEEN A  
CRAZY ONE TO BE  
SURE

...BUT DON'T WRITE  
AN ENDING JUST  
YET





YOU HAVE  
AWAKENED THE  
**EBBONALLE...**

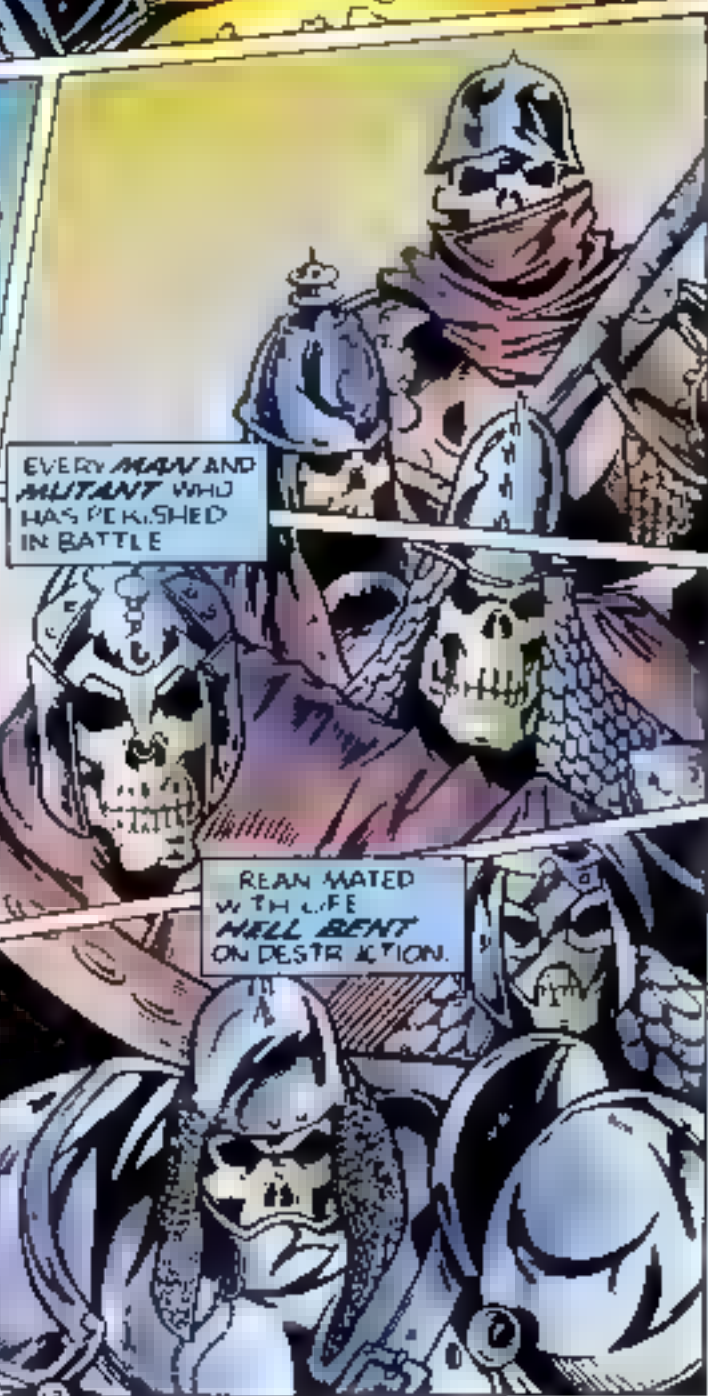
BUT YOU  
SSSHALL **NEVER**  
GET TO PUT IT TO  
THE TESSST



WHO  
ARE THESE  
M-SE TS?

WAKE  
STRANGER  
THEY ARE FROM  
THE **ARMY OF  
THE DEAD.**

WARRIORS  
WHO HAVE BEEN  
BROUGHT **BACK**  
TO SERVE THE  
EMPEROR



EVERY **MAN** AND  
**MUTANT** WHO  
HAS PERISHED  
IN BATTLE

REANIMATED  
WITH LIFE  
**HALL BENT**  
ON DESTRUCTION.



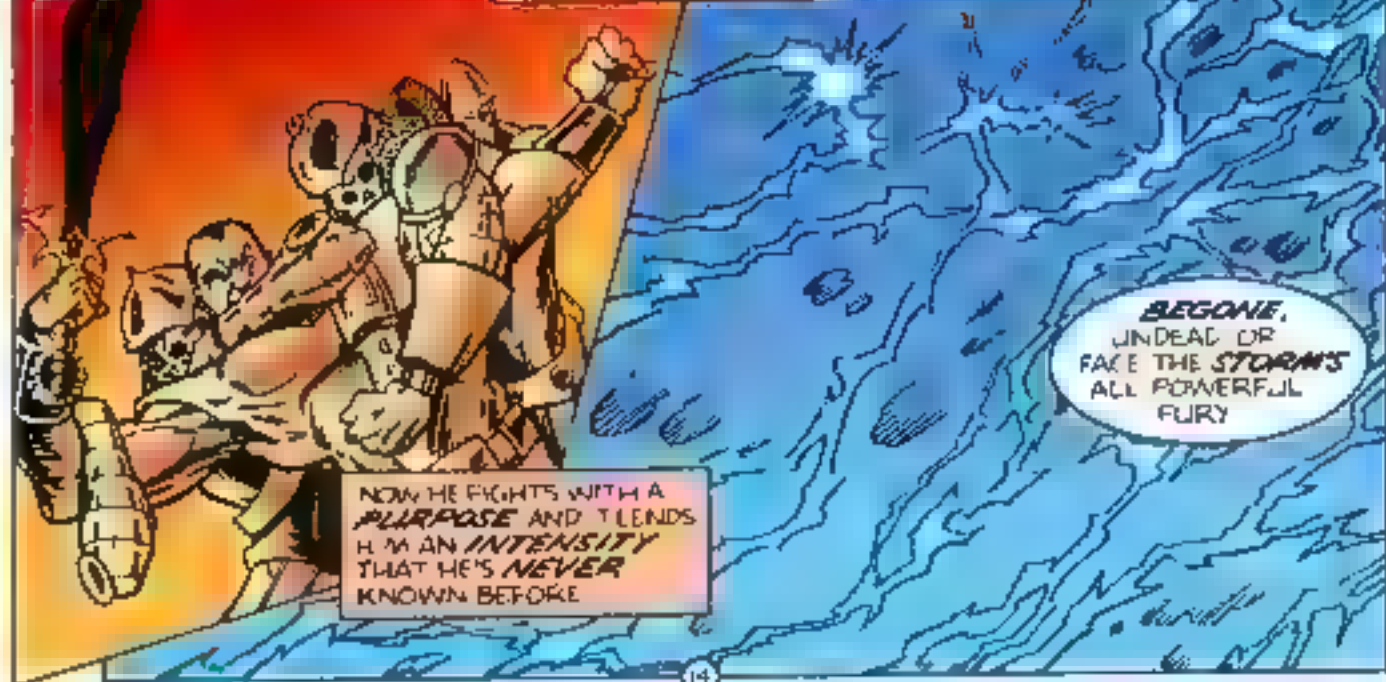


THEY WANT  
**DESTRUCTION**  
huh? WELL, WELL  
**WHAT?**

THEY  
CAME TO THE  
**RIGHT**  
**PLACE**



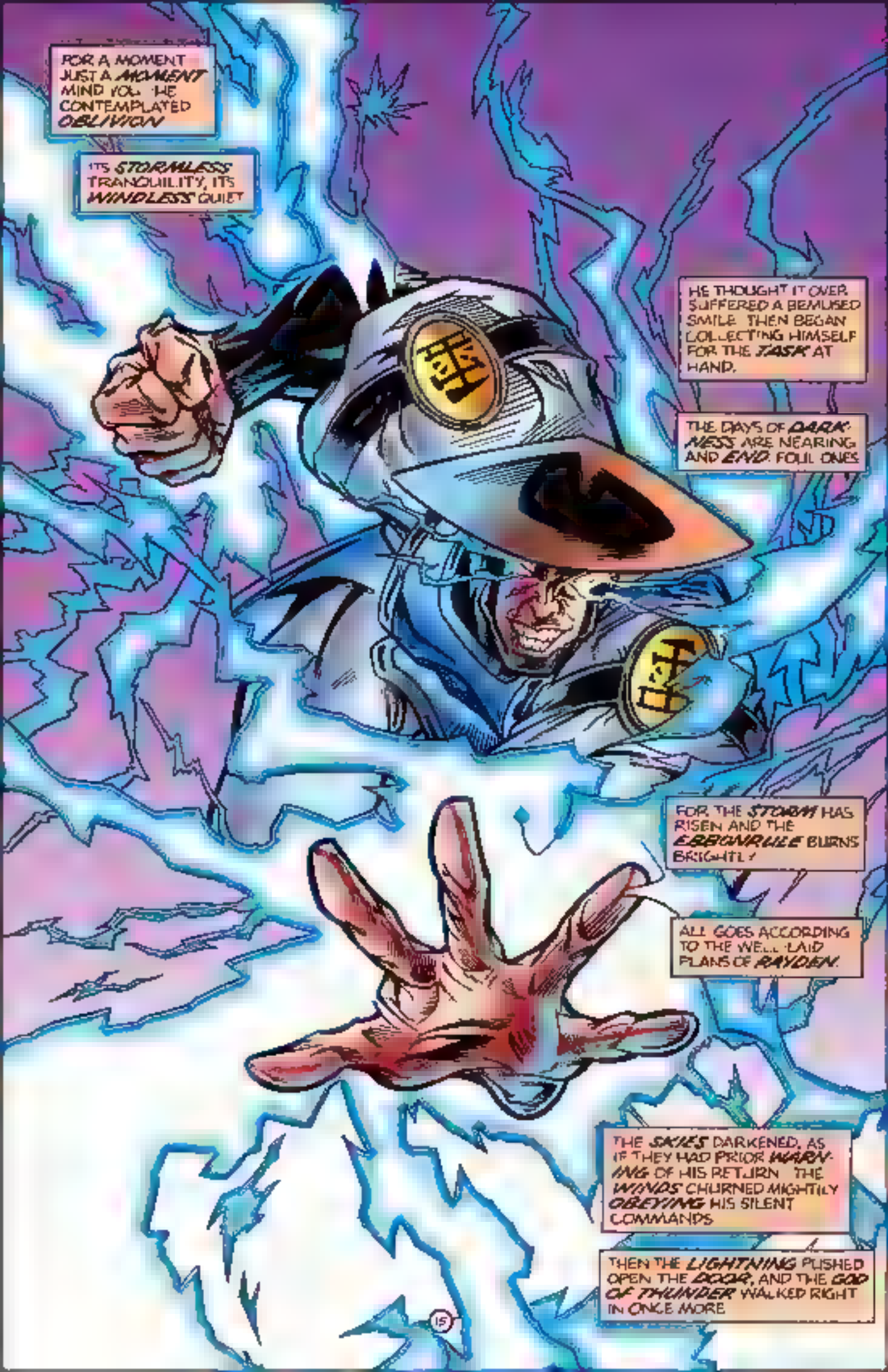
**BEFORE** THIS, HE  
FOUGHT TO **SURVIVE**  
FOUGHT TO SERVE THE  
**INTEREST** OF THE  
BLACK DRAGON



**BEGONE,**  
UNDEAD OR  
FACE THE **STORM'S**  
ALL POWERFUL  
FURY

NOW HE FIGHTS WITH A  
**PURPOSE** AND IT LENDS  
HIM AN **INTENSITY**  
THAT HE'S **NEVER**  
KNOWN BEFORE





FOR A MOMENT  
JUST A MOMENT  
MIND YOU HE  
CONTEMPLATED  
OBLIVION

ITS *STORMLESS*  
TRANQUILITY, ITS  
*WINDLESS* QUIET

HE THOUGHT IT OVER,  
SUFFERED A BEAMUSED  
SMILE THEN BEGAN  
COLLECTING HIMSELF  
FOR THE *TASK* AT  
HAND.

THE DAYS OF *DARK-*  
*NESS* ARE NEARING  
AND *END*. FOUL ONES

FOR THE *STORM* HAS  
RISEN AND THE  
*EBBON* BURNS  
BRIGHTLY

ALL GOES ACCORDING  
TO THE WELL-LAID  
PLANS OF *RAIDEN*.

THE *SKIES* DARKENED, AS  
IF THEY HAD PRIOR *WARN-*  
*ING* OF HIS RETURN. THE  
*WINDS* CHURNED MIGHTILY  
*OBEYING* HIS SILENT  
COMMANDS

THEN THE *LIGHTNING* PUSHED  
OPEN THE *DOOR*, AND THE *GOD*  
OF *THUNDER* WALKED RIGHT  
IN ONCE MORE





**KIEEESSSHH**

I WAS  
**FOOL HARDY**  
FOR SHAO KAHN TO  
WASTE HIS STRENGTH  
ATTEMPTING TO  
**DESTROY** THE  
STORM WARRIOR.

HAS HE  
**FORGOTTEN**  
THAT RAYDEN'S  
A GOD?

HE'S  
MADE A LOT  
OF MISTAKES  
THUNDER  
GOD

AND  
WE'RE ABOUT  
TO **CALL** HIM  
ON 'EM

I  
**SENSE** HIM  
IN HIS FORTRESS,  
AWAITING HIS  
**DOOM**

HE **KNOWS**  
THE EBBONRULE  
IS IN OUR WORLD YET  
HE DOES **NOT**  
FLEE

HE DOESN'T  
**THINK** I CAN  
DO IT

BUT  
THAT'S WHERE  
WE'LL PROVE HIM  
**WRONG**

GO NOW,  
MORTAL. RAYDEN  
SHALL HOLD BACK  
THESE **LIFELESS**  
WARRIORS



I **SENSED**  
THAT THE BATTLE  
WAS NOT GOING  
WELL.

AND THAT  
MY WARRIORS  
NEEDED **AID**  
FROM THEIR  
**COMMANDER.**

**AID**  
FROM  
**SCORPION.**

SCORPION?  
I REMEMBER  
HIM. HE'S THE  
**DEAD NINJA**  
BACK FROM  
OUR **LAST**  
GO ROUND  
WITH  
SHANG  
TSUNG.

IF YOU REMEMBER  
SCORPION THEN  
YOU **ALSO**  
REMEMBER  
THAT HE CAN  
NOT BE  
**HURT**  
CANNOT BE  
**SLAIN**

RAYDEN  
KNOWS **MORE**  
ABOUT DEATH  
THAN EVEN **MOE**,  
DEAD NINJA.

EVEN THE  
DEAD FEEL **PAIN**.  
EVEN THE LIFELESS  
CAN KNOW  
**DEATH.**

NOW GO  
KANO. DO WHAT  
YOU **MUST** WHILE  
RAYDEN DOES WHAT  
HE **MUST**







MEANWHILE

SSSTAND  
OUT OF MY WAY,  
MILEENA I  
MUSSST SSSPEAK  
WITH THE  
EMPEROR



HE IS  
RESTING,  
REPTILE DESTROY  
ING THE THUNDER  
GOD TOOK MUCH  
OUT OF HIM




THE  
EBBONRILE!  
IT ISSS HERE  
I HAVE SSSSEEN  
T

HE  
SPEAKS  
TRULY,  
DAAUGHTER

NOW  
LEAVE SHAD  
KAHN BOTH  
OF YOU

I WOULD  
BE ALONE  
TO MEET MY  
FATE





HE DOES WHAT HE  
DOES NOT OUT OF A  
SENSE OF *DUTY*...

...NOT OUT OF  
A SENSE OF  
*DESTINY*.

**KRAAAAKKKK**

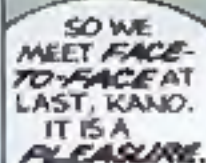
NOT BY  
*CHANGE*.

NOT BY  
*CHOICE*.

NOT TO PROVE  
SOMETHING TO  
ANYONE *ELSE*...

...BUT TO PROVE  
SOMETHING TO  
*HIMSELF*.



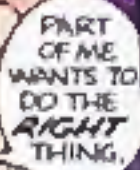


SO WE  
MEET **FACE-  
TO-FACE** AT  
LAST, KANO.  
IT IS A  
**PLEASURE.**

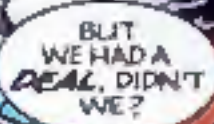
YOU  
TOOK A BIG  
**RISK**, SHAO  
KAHN.

I'VE  
GOTTEN SO  
**CAUGHT UP**  
IN THIS WHOLE  
AFFAIR...

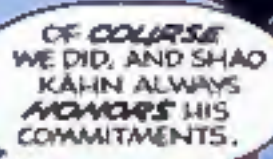
...PART OF  
ME IS RAGING  
TO **STICK YOU**  
WITH THIS  
SWORD.



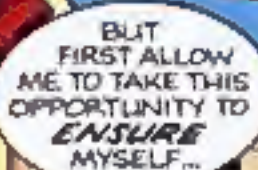
PART OF ME  
WANTS TO  
DO THE  
**RIGHT**  
THING.



BUT  
WE HAD A  
**DEAL**, DIDN'T  
WE?



OF **COURSE**  
WE DID, AND SHAO  
KAHN ALWAYS  
**HONORS** HIS  
COMMITMENTS.



BUT  
FIRST ALLOW  
ME TO TAKE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY TO  
**ENSURE**  
MYSELF...

...THAT THE  
EBBONRULE WILL  
**NEVER BURN** IN  
THIS REALM  
**AGAIN.**



IT WENT  
JUST THE WAY  
YOUR PEOPLE  
SAID IT  
WOULD.

THE  
**THUNDER  
SLICKER**  
BOUGHT IT  
HOOK, LINE  
AND SINKER.

I EVEN  
STARTED TO  
BELIEVE IT  
MYSELF.



YOU  
**HAD** TO, IN  
ORDER FOR MY  
PLANS TO  
**SUCCEED.**

AND  
NOW FOR  
MY END OF  
THE  
BARGAIN...

**KUSSH**


**READY  
YOURSELF,  
MORTAL.**

IT  
IS POWER  
THAT YOU  
SOUGHT...

**YAAAAARRGH**

...IT IS  
POWER THAT  
YOU SHALL  
**HAVE.**





ENERGY COURSES  
THROUGH HIS BLOOD,  
**STRENGTH** FILLS  
HIS LIMBS TO THE  
CORE.

HE HAS BEEN **REBORN**  
WITH MORE POWER THAN  
**ANY** MAN HAS EVER  
KNOWN.

YO,  
**RAYDEN.**

HERE  
COMES  
**TROUBLE.**

HE HAS BEEN  
GRANTED THE  
POWER OF A  
**GOD.**

CALL HIM THE  
GOD OF **EVIL.**

NEXT: **KANO VS RAYDEN**